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"Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much.

Wisdom is humble that he knows no more."-COWPER.

As the man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client, and he who becomes his own physician is equally imbecile, so he is just as deluded who undertakes to settle his educational methods without a competent director

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"Yes," said the old politician, with a mournful shake of the head; "yes, these high schools and colleges are raising the very mischief with the party. Once was the time when the rank and file would do just as they were told; but now, confound 'em! they know more than the leaders, and you can't do nothing with 'em, anyhow. I tell you, sir, education is knocking politics all to

THE seasons come and go, and come again; each is a reproduction of the last. It is so in the educational world, with this difference: in the physical world there is no im provement. The oaks of to-day are no larger than those of a thousand years ago, but educational methods improve. Here there must be constant study and criticism, if we expect to keep our educational condition even as good as at present.

When a teacher ceases to be a student he does not stand still. His sum of knowledge acquired does not become a permanent capital. He goes back. He retrogrades. What he has acquired rapidly disappears. He does not get rusty; he does worse; he relapses into ignorance. These remarks were made concerning students, but they are equally

teacher

THE reason why many do not improve more from what they hear and see is because the mind is preoccupied, and there is no room in it. This is the reason why knowledge does some people so little good. It can't get in. It is not what the eye receives, but what the mind takes in that does us good; but if the mind is full already, how can anything else get in? You must put something out, in order to put something else in. This is the reason why some people do not understand improved educational methods. Their minds are full of the old.

A Boy went to school ten years, and a very excellent wood-sawyer was spoiled in making an exceedingly poor lawyer.

A boy went to school three months, and became President of the United States. Why the difference? The one was educated, the other was not; the one grasped and held to what he studied; the other held to nothing, not even a vice. He had no grip. Grip and grit are good qualities, if properly educated. Jackson and Johnson and Lincoln were educated-but not in the schools. Would they have been better if they had been?

WE all hear and see differently. Several persons standing by the seashore have each different thoughts. One thinks of the composition of sea-water; another, of a friend buried in mid-ocean; another, of the beauty of colors; and another of the grandeur of the billows.

It is just so in teaching. No two teachers see the same school alike; no two make the same impression on the pupils. No two pupils see the same teacher alike. The good derived from the school is different to each one. It is this diversity in unity that makes life pleasant. If all were alike the monotony would be terrible. It would be exceedingly disagreeable to see ourselves reproduced in each of our friends.

Some teachers are like a sponge which readily absorbs every kind of liquid it touches, no matter what. They are remarkably willing to receive, but remarkably unwilling to hold. They are carried away with an eloquent speech and violently converted. They come out shouting. But wait until another eloquent advocate comes along, and they will be found shouting just as lustily on the other side. The habit of holding on is a remarkably good one to cultivate, provided we have common sense enough to know what we ought to hold on to.

These "Good Lord!" and "Good Devil!" converts are not remarkably safe ones to tie to. The old Covenanters of Scotland practiced as well as preached the doctrine of the "Perseverance of the saints."

applicable to teachers, for a teacher, if he be set me to thinking, and I have not stopped or the everlasting "must."

a teacher, is always a student. When he since." These were the words of a man of ceases to be a student he ceases to be a English birth who has attained a place of enviable eminence in this country. He had been a pupil in celebrated schools, was ready for Oxford University, but accident threw him in the company of Washington Irving. Here was an influence that affected him powerfully. It was not his vast knowledge, for the genial author never pretended to that; it was an educative power. We must broaden our ideas of education. We have thought that the teacher was one who could hear spelling lessons and ask questions in geography and grammar. The end of education is character. He who can form character is a teacher though he cannot spell a word.

> IF one string of a piano vibrates, all other strings in harmony with it vibrate also. The strings most in harmony vibrate most violently. It is just so in the school-room. What moves one pupil will move only those pupils in like mental and moral tension. By a kind of tuning each string of a piano can be brought into sympathetic vibration with all the rest; but this is not the way a piano is treated. In this condition it would be unfit for playing, and in like condition a school would be unfit for learning. It would be destructive to both study and government for all the school to have the same intensity of thought in one direction at the same time. Occasionally when such a condition is produced the most destructive consequences result. The solid South moved as a unit against a solid North when the Civil War commenced. The consequences are too well known to need a reminder. The teacher does all that he can do when a part of a school are earnestly moved by one set of influences. Another are moved by other influences. There is intensity, but variety; harmony, but diversity in unity.

> SOMEBODY says, "If moral suasion don't succeed, use a shingle." We should be disposed to use a shingle on him who failed to make moral suasion succeed. If a shingle is the worst thing possible for a stubborn horse, why is it not equally bad for an unruly boy? Is a boy worse than a horse? The doctrine of the old education is, "If a child don't behave, make him."

This is neither divine nor humane. It is not government. It only makes might right. Is the teacher always right? Ought his commands always to be obeyed? What is the theory of government except that law is based on the consent of the governed? School government is like any other government. The unruly and incorrigible are to be separated from the rest. The majority obey because it is for their interest to obey. The school-room is opened for the assistance of those who want to learn. When it appears that a pupil does not want to study, and his conduct is an impediment, he should be excluded until he can become loval. We "Bur this man put thought into me; he haven't much confidence in shingles or whips

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SUPERINTENDENT SPINDLER, of Washington Co., Pa., has so lifted up and dignified the Teachers' Institute that it is now looked forward to with interest and enjoyed by teachers and people in general. This interest and enjoyment was notably heightened this year by the high and cultivated character of the evening entertainments. The instructors were Hon. B. G. Northrop, of Conn.; Rev. Dr. Moffatt, Pres. of Washington and Jefferson College; Dr. E. E. White, of Ohio, and Dr. Schaefer, Pres. Kutztown State Normal School. A part of Dr. Northrop's address will be published next week under the title "Bad Books and Flashy Literature." It will be worth a careful reading, No subject is more important and no man better able to treat it.

It is said by some papers that the English school teacher holds a much more important position in England than here, and is better paid. This is an error. The pay of an ordinary lady assistant is rarely more than \$250 a year, more frequently, less. As a rule women are never employed as principals, and when, in rare instances, they are, their pay is less than a third what a man would receive in the same position. The inspector rules in England as an autocrat, and examinations are relied upon as tests of success in school work. Taking our schools with all their faults, we are certain that an unprejudiced observer would give us the position of superiority. There is less of book teaching and more of the real freedom of the teacher on this side of the ocean.

THE second annual meeting of the Council of City Superintendents of the State of New York was held in Albany, Thursday and Friday of last week. The topics for discussion were of the most practical character; as, Examinations-how, and how often? Reading-methods, matter, objects; Kindergarten applied to primary work; Language-methods, how much technical grammar? Training schools for teachers-are they essential in the present stage of the profession of teaching? Spelling-methods, oral, written. The meetings were not open to the public, but through the kindness of Supt. Charles E. Gorton, Yonkers, we have received full reports of their discussions and suggestions, the cream of which we shall print next week. The most valuable results are certain to follow such associations as

Our superintendents hold a power not easily estimated. It is of the utmost consequence that they should be far-seeing, liberal, well informed and progressive. It would be difficult to compute the amount of evil a narrow-minded school officer can do; on the other hand, the untold good accomplished by one who is actively and intelligently at work can never be told. It has been our privilege to know many of the superintendents in the State of New York for several years, and it is our opinion that the country has no occasion to be ashamed of the educational leaders of the Empire State.

THE following facts, given on the authority of Mr. Michael G. Mulhall, of Europe, certainly contain abundant food for thought:

"The total national debt of the world, not estimating local debts of any kind, in 1713 was \$595,000,000. In 1763 they had risen to \$1,415,000,000; in 1793, to \$2,845,000,000; in 1816, to \$7,185,000,000; in 1848, to \$8,245,000,000; in 1870, to \$19,150,000,000, and in 1884 he finds that they have reached the enormous aggregate of \$27,155,000,000. The debts of the different nations of the world compare with their wealth as follows: The debt rate to wealth at the present is in the United Kingdom. 8.4 per cent.: France, 11.9; Germany, 5.2; Russia, 12.7; Austria, 13.8: Italy, 18.5; Spain, 20.6; Portugal, 28.5; Holland, 8.4; Belgium, 9.4; Denmark, 3.0; Sweden and Norway, 2.0; Greece, 8.5; Europe, 10.6; the United States, 2.9; Canada, 5.6; Australia, 18.3; the Argentine Republic, 7.9; Uruguay, 14.8; total, 9.3."

Let the teacher place the names of the countries

Let the teacher place the names of the countries mentioned in the order of their per cent. indebtedness, and call attention to the place our country occupies. It is one instance where those that are last are really first. We were appalled when the war closed at the magnitude of our public debt. It was great, but since that time our wealth has been increasing and our debt diminishing until now we have no reason to feel ashamed at the financial position we occupy among the civilized nations of

NORMAL TEACHING.

NEBRASKA STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

It will be noticed that the answers given in this article are justright. It is not to be supposed that all at first gave such answers The object here is to show the treatment of the subject of the lesson, and not the minute steps by which the results were reached.—EDITORS.]

LESSONS IN GEOGRAPHY.—The class was composed of pupils not sufficiently advanced to enter the Elementary Course-about equal in age and advancement to the fifth grade of a public graded

After the class had been studying, from actual observation, the school-grounds, drawing them on paper and on the blackboard, representing hill and dale, trees, etc., and having studied the village and the county as thoroughly as possible under the circumstances, the teacher said to the class: "Now, pupils, we have progressed so far in our work, that think we are prepared to study the State as a whole, and we shall proceed to draw its outlines and fill in the natural features, laying out the counties, with their towns, villages, cities, railroads, etc. Now, shall we draw our maps as we have the others, on the blackboard and on paper, or, shall we lay out our map on the ground south of the building? You must understand that a ground-map means some hard work, and patient, careful, persevering effort. If you decide to undertake it, you must complete it.'

The class was eager to lay out the map on the ground; so it was decided to meet half an hour before school on three mornings, and work an hour on two afternoons of the week. The work was to be voluntary; as the regular class would recite in the class-room each day as usual.

Promptly at the appointed time the greater part of the class was present, ready for work. In the meantime the teacher had prepared a ten-foot pole, bought a ball of twine, secured a rake, a hoe, an ax, and a spade.

Teacher .- Now, pupils, examine this ground, and decide whether it will fairly represent the general slope and features of the State. James, what is the general slope of our State?

Pupil.-Nebraska slopes gently and quite regularly from the west and northwest, toward the east and southeast; and as this ground inclines quite gently in the same directions, it will represent that features of the State well.

Teacher.-George, how shall we commence to lay out our State?

Pupil.-I would place a stake at the lower southest corner, and run the line between Kansas and Nebraska, as that is the easiest line to run.

Teacher.-Very well; Lewis, how shall we know how far east to run?

Pupil.-We must agree on some unit of measure, first.

Teacher.-True. Belle, what would you sugge as a good unit in this case?

Pupil.-I think, sir, the township, counting three miles to one foot, or two feet to a township, would do very well.

As the atlases showed the State divided into townships, the class adopted the suggestion.

Teacher.-Very well; Anna, how many feet long must the southern boundary be?

Here a general examination of atlases took place and Anna soon answered:

There are fifty-nine and a half townships along the Kansas line, and we must make the line one hundred and nineteen feet long." To this the class agreed, and, as the maps were not section maps the teacher did not insist on a closer calculation.

Teacher.-Now, Emma, how are we to know when the line is exactly east and west?

Emma had no suggestions to make, and a general discussion ensued; the compass was spoken of, but there was none at hand, so it was agreed to use the building as a proper object from which to ob-

Two lines were run directly south from the eas and the west sides, sighting along the walls of the building; the corner stake was set in one of these lines at a certain definite number of feet from the southwest corner of the building, and at the same county. The county is three townships wide. I

distance from the southeast corner another stake was set on the other line; this gave the direction desired.

The twine was now stretched and the required distance measured, and a few stakes were driven to locate the line permanently. This occupied the time allotted for that morning.

LESSON II.

The next morning the class spent a portion of the time clearing off the ground, as it was in the edge of a grove, and had some weeds, underbrush nd dead branches scattered around.

Teacher.-Sadie, what line shall we now located Pupil.-I think we should now locate the western line between Nebraska and Colorado.

Teacher.-Very well. Alvas, how shall we know hen we have gone far enough north?

Pupil-By counting the townships, sir.

Again the pupils consulted their atlases, and it vas agreed the line should be twenty-one feet in

Teacher.-Well, Belle, what line shall we now

Pupil.-The line running west, forming the remainder of boundary between Nebraska and Col-

Teacher.-William, how shall we determine when e are going directly west from the last stake?

William not having any plan to propose, a general discussion ensued, and it was agreed that we could measure a certain number of feet west from the first stake, on the line of direction with the southern boundary, then run north twenty-one feet, and meet a line running west from the last stake set, at the same distance as was measured westward on the southern line.

Teacher.-Phebe, how far west must this line

Pupil.-According to the townships, it must be bout thirty-six feet.

Teacher .- - Nellie, what shall be the next line, and ow shall we run it?

Pupil.-We should next run the west line between Nebraska and Wyoming, and we can obtain the direction by the same method pursued at the previous corner. The distance north is about sixty-seven feet.

Teacher .- May, you may tell about the next line? Rupil .- The next line is the northern boundary of Nebraska, and runs from the last stake eastward to the Keya Paha river-

Here a number of pupils said that was wrongthat we should run directly east as far as the Missouri river. The maps were carefully consulted, and most of them showed May to be right; but on reference to the dates of the geographies it was found that the later maps showed the line running east as far as the Missouri river. These maps were decided to be correct, as the boundary had been readjusted at a recent session of Congre

Teacher.-How far now must this line run diectly east?

Pupils.-About one hundred and five feet. This ended the second lesson.

LESSON III.

The next morning the channel of the Missouri was to be made, in order to complete the boundary of Nebraska.

Teacher. - Now, pupils, I will appoint Nellie Grant to commence at the southeast corner of the State, and work up the channel of the river; and Phebe Calder to commence at the point where the river begins to form the boundary line, and work down the channel; half of the class will assist each leader. Nellie, I will go with you and see your division work.

Leader (Nellie Grant).—Now, Lewis, you take a hoe; and, William, you take a spade; the rest of my division, take your maps and find out how the river bends, and tell me how long each bend is. I will mark with a stick; Lewis will follow, making a deeper mark with his hoe, and William will dig out the channel with the spade. Lucy, you may tell me first how to mark.

Lucy.-I find the river runs in an almost southeast direction from the north line of Richardson ake

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see I must go west two townships, and north three, and join these points by a line, and dig out the channel of the river between them.

Leader.-Now, Emma, how shall I mark for Nemaha county?

Emma.—The river now bends still further west and crosses one township (about two and a half feet); it then turns eastward, running slightly north of east about the distance of a township, then it bends westward half a township; it then bows eastward not quite half a township, then westward twice the same distance, making a gradual bend to northeast corner of Nemaha county, and just here the river bends sharply eastward and makes a complete loop.

Thus the river bed is slowly and carefully made, but two or three lesson-hours are passed before it is completed and the outline of the State finished.

The work has not only been earnest, but at times exciting, and Nebraska lies in outline before the class as no words could paint it; the pupils see and feel what is meant by bounding a State, as they have been doing actual work in forming the lines.

The teacher now has the class discuss the matter of laying the counties, railroads, towns, and streams, within the State.

Teacher.—Anna, now what would you advise us to do next?

Pupil.—I think we ought now to commence on the southern line of the State and lay out the counties, as their lines are generally straight.

Teacher.—Sadie, shall we lay out all the counties in outline first, or shall we fi'll in the streams, railroads, towns, etc., as we go?

Pupil.—I think we better finish up the work in each county as we lay it out.

Teacher. -- May, how shall we designate the county seats and State capitals?

Pupil.—I think we might have a little flag for each county seat, and a large one for the capital.

Teacher.—Alvas, how shall we show the rail-

Pupil.—I think we can use small pieces of wood laid down on the ground, a few inches apart; to represent ties.

This experiment was tried; it was found that the bits of wood were so easily moved that it was better to drive pieces of board, about one inch square

and six inches long, into the ground.

Counties were now assigned to each member of the class, and the work went forward day by day.

Gradually the State grew from an unbroken waste into a well-divided, prosperous commonwealth, giving homes to the thousands, dotting the land with cities and thriving villages. Railroads running in all directions, giving wonderful facilities to internal commerce. In carrying the work to completion there is still much to be done, for Nebraska has diversity of soil and climate, and the productions vary to a considerable extent.

The class has been greatly interested in their work, and for the time devoted to the study of the subject, have shown great proficiency.

Mr. J. Breckenridge, Decorah, Ind., sends the following excellent plan for giving an object lesson in profit and loss:

The teacher lays on the table money in various denominations from which the pupil can select the required amounts. Many examples like the following may then be given:

A merchant sells cloth that costs \$4.00 per yard, for \$4.60. What per cent. does he make? Or, how many times does he make one one-hundredth of the cost?

The pupil showing the money, says, "This—60 cents—is the sum gained."

"This," showing the money—4 cento—"is one one-hundredth of the cost."

"One one-hundredth of the cost—4 cents—measures the gain—60 cents—fifteen times.

"Therefore 15 per cent: is made."

Genius borrows nobly. When Shakespeare is charged with debts to his authors, Landor replies: "Yet he was more original than his originals. He breathed upon dead bodies and brought them into life."

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PERCEPTION.

MIND ARTICLE, NO. XI.

SOMETHING touches me, the nerves receive the impression and transmit it to the brain; there it produces a sensation. The intellect may not be impressed; if it is not, no result is produced; if it is, a perception is the effect. The act of perceiving a sensation is a perception. The result of this process, or what is perceived, is called a percept.

It will be noticed that perception is an act of the intellect. Many sensations reach the mind but fail to become perceptions, because there is no discrimination aroused. This is the reason why so many times pupils hear, see and even answer without remembering. They have eyes but they see not, ears but hear not. Their senses are acute, their brains in good working order, but the proper perceptions are not produced, therefore they learn nothing.

1. In order to perceive there must be DISCRIMINA-

A voice is heard, the head is turned, the eyes look, the countenance is brightened; here is evidence of discrimination. Other sounds are heard but not perceived, because they are not separated from their surroundings. This voice is separated from its surroundings; in other words, it is discriminated.

At first, all objects are alike to the child; soon it discriminates a light and perceives it; soon it discriminates a sound, as of a bell, and turns its head in the direction from which it comes; soon it discriminates its mother's voice, and attends to it; soon it discriminates her face, and smiles. Now PERCEPTION is fully established and mental action assured. Until a child smiles in response to motives, there is no evidence that it has mental action. From this moment on, the mind begins to grow, but notice the order: sensation, discrimination, perception. This is the one order from infancy through life.

The second step in perception is ASSOCIATION and RE-COLLECTING.

A child hears a sound which produces a pleasing perception. It smi'es the next time it hears the same sound; it recalls the former association, and it smiles again. This association of one sensation with other sensations, and the ability to recall these associations, is the highest kind of perception. Here we notice the re-presentative faculty. The order may be from nerves to the brain, or sensation; the impression, or the presentative faculty; the recalling of these impressions, or the representative faculty.

NOTES FOR TEACHERS.

 The nerves must be in good working order if they are to convey correct messages.

2. The impressions must be distinct, if the mind is expected to retain them.

Preception is a process of grouping. As there
can be no association without grouping, the arrangement of material for thought must be carefully attended to.

Single sense perceptions are not likely to be recalled.

5. Touch and sight supply more objects than any other senses. These need careful cultivation.

The training of all the senses must be carefully attended to, if we expect to reach the mind.

7. As all the materials of perception come through the avenues of the senses, it follows that the Training of the Senses is a subject of paramount importance to teachers. We learn to see by seeing, to hear by hearing, to feel by feeling. How to Train the Senses should be carefully considered by the teacher engaged in mind study. This will occupy our attention for several weeks.

THERE are many things that teachers would like to have if they only knew where to get them. This we know from experience. It makes us blush to acknowledge it, but we kept school in the country two years before we knew there was such a thing as an educational paper published.—Mo. School Journal.

THE SCHOOL-ROOM.

ECHOES.

Never a word is said,
But it trembles in the air,
And the truant voice has sped,
To vibrate everywhere;
And perhaps far off in eternal years
The echo may ring upon our ears.

Never are kind acts done
To wipe the weeping eyes,
But, like flashes of the sun,
They signal to the skies;

And up above the angels read How we have helped the sorer need. Never a day is given

But it tones the after years,
And it carries up to heaven
Its sunshine or its tears;
While the to-morrows stand and wait,
The silent mutes by the outer gate.
There is no end to the sky,

And the stars are every where, And time is eternity, And the here is over there;

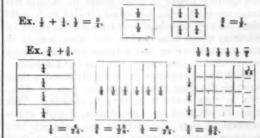
And the here is over there;
For the common deeds of the common day
Are ringing bells in the far-away.

FRACTIONS.

Fractions usually give pupils great trouble. The reason of each step taken should be very thoroughly taught.

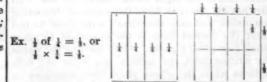
The following methods may be used.

ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION.

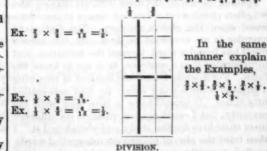


Addition and Subtraction can be explained in this manner so that young pupils can easily understand them.

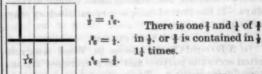
MULTIPLICATION.



In the same manner explain 1 of 1, 1 of 1, 4 of 4.



Ex. 1+1, or, How many 1 are there in 1?



In the same manner illustrate and explain how many times \$ is contained in \$.

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THE home is the place where a great deal of reading should be done. Most of the children of our schools have a great deal of reading matter at their command if only they will use it.—Education, St. For the SCHOOL JOURNAL.

PRIMARY WORK .- NO. III.

By Miss Ida Flynn, Smithville, Tenn. THE OBJECT OF SPELLING LESSONS.

A child's spelling lessons should be given with a view of perfecting him in the written form of words which he uses every day, and also those which are found in his reading book.

I am an earnest advocate of the Written Method of teaching spelling, though of course it must be combined with the Oral and Phonic Analysis for the sake of pronunciation. In speaking we do not stop to think of the combination of letters in the words used; it is when we come to write a word that we need to spellit. This fact shows the advantages derived from written spelling lessons.

When the child enters the Intermediate Grades it will save time and trouble if he can be provided with a suitable spelling-book. The teacher can select carefully a certain number of words each day, requiring the pupils to copy them in blank books, thus making their own spelling books. It is cruel and useless to make a child pore over words in the book of ten or fifteen letters, and terms which he can not understand when he spells biscuit with a k and can not give an intelligent definition of bureau. He should be taught first a vocabulary of common things. While it is not necessary to tax the mind with a definition of every word that is spelled, too much cannot be said in commendation of written exercises wherein the word is not only defined, but incorporated in a sentence. They acquire facility in the use of the dictionary, and the spelling lesson is often made to include the language lesson. In Advanced Grades such exercises are very beneficial, and time is often saved by selecting words to be used in the other lessons of the day, embracing terms taken from the lessons in Arithmetic, Geography, Reading and Literature.

Black-board exercises are more satisfactory than work on the slate, though both are open to objection in that there is liability to cheating. This may be obviated in some degree, though at the expense of time, by dividing the class into two or more sections, letting them number as they stand at the board, one, two; one, two; and giving out different words alternately to the sections. I always give my pupils leave to copy if they are uncertain of the right form. There are few who are not too proud to have the name of depending on others, and until that time I want them to feel that the correct form is too important to allow their hazarding a guess. After spelling the words by writing them, one section can write out definitions while the others place their sentences on the board subject to criticism of teacher and class.

Spelling is one of the most difficult studies, and we often puzzle over ways and means to impress a word upon the child's memory. The dictionary exercise is an excellent method. By the time a pupil has found a word, learned the definition, and incorporated it in a sentence, he is apt to know the form. For a while I tried the method of requiring a pupil to write a word which he had mis-spelled fifty times. It proved to be a sure way with the majority, but I could not but question its influence upon their love for the study and abandoned it. If then tried the plan of placing the mis-spelled words, spelled correctly, on the board, writing them with colored crayons and letting them remain several days. It has proved to be a very satisfactory way of helping the memory.

ADVANCED CLASSES.

In Advanced Classes lessons in Word Analysis often serve the purpose and such exercises are intensely interesting. To incorporate a word in a sentence is not an easy exercise even for some older pupils. I remember an instance when one of my boys who was too lazy to consult his dictionary defined "humbug" as a bug that he supposed "tried to sing;" another said he supposed "minor etiquette" was young etiquette; and the sister of that genius displayed her knowledge in this sentence incorporating the word "refrain:"

"Jupiter refrained the Atlantic Ocean."

A very interesting exercise which many of us

have probably tried, is to give them a word and ask them to form different words using only the letters of the given word, and using them only as often as they occur therein. From the word Charleston, with the aid of a dictionary and working in alphabetical order, I have had pupils bring in between two and three hundred words.

It is possibly true that many of us attach too much importance to spelling well. Some people seem to have been born good spellers, while there are others who, though well educated otherwise. can never learn to spell. Johnson said that he would not give a cent for a man who could not spell a word more than one way. We may sometimes have a "fellow feeling" with him, but it is a feeling "wondrous kind" to that special shortcoming.

Dr. Currie has said of poor spelling: "The possession procures no credit, but the want of it entails disgrace."

THE ARITHMETIC LESSON:-NO. II.

By D. C. LUENING, Milwaukee, Wis.

TREATMENT OF THE NUMBER FIVE AFTER DEVELOP

The Grube Schedule for the number five would appear as follows:

I. THE PURK NUMBER.

A. Measuring.

(1). By one.

1 1 1 1 1 5

1+1+1+1+1=5

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

5-1-1-1-1=1

5÷1=5

(2). Measuring by 2

2+2+1=5

 $2 \times 2 + 1 = 5$

5-2-2=1

5+2=2 (1 over)

(3). Measuring by 3

3+2=5; 2+3=5

 $1 \times 3 + 2 = 5$

5+3=1 (2 over)

(4). Measuring by 4.

4+1=5; 1+4=5 1×4+1=5

5-4=1: 5-1=4

5+4=1 (1 over)

(I can take away 4 from 5 once and have 1 left; or four is contained once in 5, and 1 over.)

B. Problems and Combinations for mental so lution.

2×2--1+2 -1+2= ?

5-2-1+3=how many more than 4?

3+1+2-1=7

What number can be taken once from five and have 1 over?

Of what number is 1 the fifth part?

What number is 3 more than two? Etc., etc.

II. APPLIED NUMBERS.

How many apples will you have if John gives you three apples and Mary gives you two apples? Henry has 2×2 marbles in his pocket and one in his hand. How many marbles has he altogether? Mary has 5 aunts and each aunt gives her one dress. How many dresses does she get? Etc., etc.

In teaching the combinations let the pupils make good use of the various objects with which they are supplied.

I will not touch upon all the combinations, but will give a few illustrations only.

May, Ida, Lottie, Annie, and Lucy, may bring me one stick each. Pupils count how many sticks

How many sticks did I get? "Five." Why? "1+1+1+1=5."

Girls, take the sticks and hold them up.

How many sticks has each girl? "One." How many times one stick can you see? "Five times one stick." How many sticks altogether? "Five." Then five times one stick are how many sticks? 5×1=5.

Now I will write that on the blackboard. Class write it on your slates.

Repeat the process with different objects until you feel satisfied the pupils have grasped the idea.

Let us play store now, children. Count how many pennies I take from my box. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Ella, here are two pennies, you may go to the store and buy some nuts.

(Ella returns.) Here are two more pennies, you may go again and get some candy, How many times did Ella go to the store? "Two times." How many pennies did I give her each time? "Two." And I have how many left? "One." How many pennies did I have altogether? "5." 2×2+1=5.

Class, I had a nice little apple-tree, just like the one I am now drawing on the blackboard. That apple-tree had five little apples. On Monday the wind blew very strong, and two apples fell off. How many apples were left on the tree? "Three." 5-2=3

On Tuesday a very naughty boy shook my tree and two more apples fell off. How many apples were left on the tree? "One." How many apples fell off on Monday? "Two." How many on Tuesday? "Two." How many are left? "One." 5—2—2=1.

How many times two apples fell off the tree! "Two." And how many were left? "One." How many twos in five? "There are two twos in five." $5 \div 2 = 2$ (1 over).

Take three little tablets and put them on the right side of your desk. Now take two little tablets and put them on the left side of your desk. Now put them all into your left hand and count them. How many did you take from the right side? "Three." How many from the left side? "Two." How many have you altogether? "Five." 3+2=5; 2+3=5.

Thus the work may be continued through all the combinations. Vary your exercises, and keep your class interested. Make good use of the blackboard, illustrating by marks, dots, and pictures. Let your pupils handle slate and pencil. Tell them to make pictures, 2 little kites, 3 little dollies, 5 big balls, 4 flags, 1 dog, 2×2 tops, etc., etc.

For the SCHOOL JOURNAL.

THE HERMIT.

FOR REPRODUCTION.

There was once a man who was of a very passionate temper, and instead of looking for the cause of this in himself, he threw the blame of it upon other people. It was they who made him get into such passions, he said, and who spoiled all his pleasure in life, and therefore he would leave them and become a hermit. It was much better, he raid, that he should leave them than lose his soul. He therefore went into a desert place where there were no inhabitants, and built himself a hut in the middle of a wood near where there was a little spring of water; and the small quantity of bread that he needed he ordered a boy to bring him once a week, and lay upon a rock a long way from his hut.

He had not been a hermit very long—not many days, I believe,—when he took his pitcher and went down to the spring. The ground by the spring was very uneven, so that the pitcher fell down. The hermit lifted it up and placed it carefully under the spring, but the water, which poured out with great force, fell on one side of the pitcher, and again it tumbled over. This put the hermit in a great passion, and, snatching up the pitcher, he said, "It shall stand, though!" and set it down on the ground with such violence that it broke all to pieces,

With this he saw that he bad been giving way to one of his old passions, and he said to himself, "If this is the way I go on, my solitude has not done me much good; I had better return among mankind and endeavor to avoid evil, and practice what is right." And so he went back into the world.

MARY HOWITT.

Govern by moral sussion as far as it will go, and when that fails use a shingle, — West Miss. Educational Jour.

FOR THE SCHOOL JOURNAL

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SOME TRUTHS CONTRARY TO THE BE LIEF OF OUR ANCESTORS.

FOR THE PHYSIOLOGY CLASS

COLD air is less dangerous than foul air.

Fresh air and exercise are the only necessary cimulante

Stimulants leave the system weaker than they find it.

Time spent in out-door exercise is not wasted. Ripe fruit is a better blood purifier than sulphur

Draughts are not as fatal as unventilated rooms. Catarrh is not caused by low temperature, but by bad air and unwholesome diet.

Depriving children of healthful recreation drives them to deceit and wrong doing.

Time spent in an after-dinner nap is soon made

Sleeping rooms need not be heated in cold weather

The sick room that is kept hermetically sealed will not soon send out a convalescent.

Night air is not noxious

A cold should be starved and sent out doors, instead of stuffed and steamed and put to bed.

Sunshine may fade the carpet, but the absence of it fades the people.

Good digestion is better than cosmetics for a poor complexion.

The midnight oil Lights wasteful toil.

For the SCHOOL JOURNAL.

LIVE QUESTIONS.

Norn:-Answers to any of these questions will be publish

1. What letters of the alphabet are the same either side up f

2. What three words lost Blaine 3,000 votes in New York and elected Cleveland?

3. Does an ear of corn ever have an odd number of rows?

4. Has a cat more teeth than a dog!

Who was Charlemagne?

6. What were the names of the three vessels in which Columbus set sail in his first voyage of discovery to America?

7. What President was called "The Little Magician !

8. Why are nails called six-penny, eight-penny, etc, f

9. What country is the "gift of the Nile," and why !

10. Who was Tom Moore ?

11. What heavenly body is nearest the earth?

12. Why does a plant need leaves?

BLACKBOARD OUTLINE

FOR THE PHYSIOLOGY CLASS.

1. The Blood.

2. Organs Moving the Blood

(Heart,) Blood-vessels, etc. Alimentary Canal, 3. Organs Making the Blood Liver, etc.

4. Organs Purifying the Blood Kidney Skin.

Muscles, Bones, Special Senses.

5. Organs Relative to Sur-roundings

6. The Nervous System.

CONTINUALLY meeting with discouragements with efforts misunderstood and unappreciated the average teacher hushes the wailings of her heart forgets self, and cries for strength and wisdom to do her daily work, and believes that she finds recompense in the nobleness of her high calling. Such an one is lost in darkness unless her pathway be aghted by that one star of hope—the definite aim of school and the teacher's work.—Indianapolis
Educational Weekly.

A true life must be simple in all its elements. HORACE GREELEY.

TABLE TALK.

HERE are a few notes in the interest of the Unabridged non school tea Dictionary. By its use the comm has it in his power to aid the child in forming a habit of looking up the meaning of words. This habit well and strongly formed, helps the child to an intelligent use of words, and becomes one of the strong factors in intelligent reading. The word is the term through which the child sees the thing signified. It is the medium to reveal the thought. It is the sign of the ides back of it.

The mechanism of the word, embracing its syllables accentuation, discritical marks, pronunciation and meaning of the word, are things uppermost in the mind of the posted teacher.

Again, the county examiner has come to know that a mere list of words to be spelled is not a guide to learn the applicant's ability to teach spelling, hence our best county examiners conduct the examination in spelling so that the examiner may know that the applicant un derstands the history of the word as recorded in the unabridged dictionary. This is a great reform, and county teachers should hail it gladly, and thank the examiner for such wise and special interest in the right kind of spelling.

This is enough to indicate that reform in the teaching of spelling is upon us. Do not understand the writer to condemn memory spelling. It must be. The children must often come in contact with the mechanism of a word. And when teaching spelling in its ordinary way we should group similar words, and place them, as far as possible, in parallels. How to use the large dictionary in the common district school, is a subject that even children in the Second Reader ought to kno That is a grand hour in the little fellow's school life when he may go to the large dictionary and find for himself the word he seeks and may know how to read its facc-marks. This he may count a wonderful step in his common school education.

HERE is more about "fault-finding." There is a grea deal of truth in what J. E. F. says. Listen to it:

Fault-finding is not the kind of aid we want from our educational leaders. We have heard often enough how a thing ought not to be done. Enough fault has been found with our earnest and hone Books on education are full of "what ought not to be done." Our institute instructors fill us to overflowing with how it ought to be done, and how not to be done but fail to show us how to do it.

We care for no more of this kind of aid, especially the fault-finding part. If these would-be educators have and the true way to teach, to correct, to quiz to criticise, to govern; in short, if they have any thing good to tell us we shall be glad to hear it and test it. We want to know how to do the best things in the best possible way. Mere finding fault with our present efforts without suggesting anything better, makes no better teachers of a Educators warn us against finding fault with our pupils It must surely be as unreasonable and as productive of evil for "educators" to be continually tampering with us, without setting us aright. Let them present the right way to criticise pupils, and study the right way

There surely must be a right way of conducting th work of education, and when it shall be correctly under stood there will be no conflict of opinions. But it evidently is not so understood yet; for so sure as one per advances an idea, a method or a theory through the press, another will tear it to pieces and denounce it as unphilosophic and unnatural, in a short time

All possibility of doubt concerning the propriety of a course of conduct must be removed before faith can be placed in the course; therefore, so long as "doctors disagree" on what is the proper way of conducting the ork of education, they cannot convince us wh ioneering out in the wilds of the interior, that they sheolutely know any more than we.

The truth is we are all learners, but it is also true that erning fundamental principles, doctors do not dis agree. No one of the advanced educators denies the principles of Pestalozzi or Froebel, Ross-au, Comenius or Joseph Payne. They are as fixed as the everlasting foundations of the earth, and they afford us the tru dard by which to test our own methods. When we have learned true principles and then to make our methods conform to them, we are not far from right, even though we do not conduct our recits some one else does.

EDUCATION does not consist in merely being able to epeat all the rules and definitions in grammar, or solve all the problems in arithmetic, but it is the formation of good habits. That teacher educates most and best who teaches his pupils habits of neatness, economy, earnest, ctive industry, honesty, truth, justice, business, and habits of close, careful, and curious observation. That man who by close observation is able to explain the phenomena of surrounding nature, though he may kn nothing of the three R's, "readin', 'ritin', and 'rithme-tic," is far better educated than his neighbor who has taken a university course and carries a Latin diploma in his pocket, but who has never been trained in the habit of seeing things save through words.

Teachers, so-called, too often stand in the way of the

pupil's progress, by driving him from the fields of nature to a slavish adherence to text-books, which often tend to mystify rather than make clear the object viewed

We need more natural teaching in our schools, and less cramming and repressing of free thought. Children naturally observe the works of nature, but when they enter the school-room their little eyes are closed, their little hands shackled, and they are involuntarily borne away on pedagogic wings to the regions of the intangible, invisible nothings, which destroy the powers of observation and clog the whee's of thought. Let us follow the natural process—the thing first, then its symbol; the idea, then the term; the whole, then its parts; the concrete, then the abstract; reaching the unknown by means of the known, thus developing all the power of the human mind according to nature's wise and beneficent law.

Teachers, study with assiduous care the principles on which your profession is based, and the inestimable value of the material on which you operate. True education is teaching pupils to observe everything, and leading them into habits of earnest, active work. We must get out of the ruts, lose our false ideas of education and fall in with the natural or normal plan-reading great truths in the rocks, leaves, trees, earth, air, water. Old methods have passed away and all J. B. CUMMINGS. methods have become New.

Gardner, Tenn.

The following letter comes from the principal of a hool in Kansas

"A few weeks ago you stated that the primary object of the public sch ools is to keep pupils from bed ing well-informed. At first I could not understand your meaning. It seemed so contrary to all we have heard, read, and practiced for so long. At last I believe and feel its full import. I begin to realize that the questions every teacher must ask are not, 'Do you know?' 'Will you remember?' but, 'Do you understand?' 'Can you see clearly?' I believe you mean that our success depends more upon our instructing in the way to acquire, than upon imparting the knowledge itself; more upon teaching habits of discrimination, than upon selecting for the pupil ourselves; mere upon developing ability, than increasing capacity. If I am wrong in my estimate of the 'New Education,' I am certain you will not let me deceive myself long."

Yes, you are exactly right. What a change would take place if all principals had equally clear ideas, and rould put them in practice?

A subscriber does not wish his paper continued, for he is "going to be married and will not need it until his children are old enough to read." What a help it would be to teachers if all parents would take an educational paper! At present not one in a thousand ever reads one. reads one. The result is, when the teacher introduces new methods, they are often met with the objection, That's not the way I was taught."

se a teacher leaves the profession is no rehe should cease studying its methods. He is just the one to mould thought and help the teacher. Old teachers out of the school-room should be the strongest aids of those in. How often is it otherwise! How of-ten is the old teacher a retired nuisance! It is so in other professions. An old minister in the congregation is too often a fault-finder and hinderer. Teaching work is hard enough at best. When we are out of the harness we should do all in our power to help those who are struggling to teach well.

We are receiving votes for ten American authors in the order of their excellence. There seems to be a great difference of opinion, and no decision can yet be

LETTERS.

The Editor will reply to letters and questions that will be of general interest, but the following rules must be observed:

1. Write on one side of the paper.

2. Put matter relative to subscription on one piece of paper and that to go into this department on another.

3. Be pointed, clear and brief.

4. We can not take time to solve mathematical problems, but we will occasionally insert those of general interest for our readers to discuss.

5. Enclose stamp if an answer by mail is expected. Question

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Enclose stamp if an answer by mall is expected. Question th asking are worth putting in a letter; do not send the postal cards.

Hereafter all questions that may be answered by reference ordinary text books, and puzzles involving no importan neiples, owing to the limited space in a single serie, will included from this column.

(1) When was the last important monetary crisis. Give cause. (2) Give the name of some brilliant jet black ink. (3) Suppose you wanted some local information concerning a foreign country, to whom would you write in that country? (4) To whom are the titles of Esquire and Hon. applied? (5) How many kinds of Government are there? Define each. (6) What is a Bank? Name and describe the different kinds. (7) What and where are Ead's jetties? (9) Give all the variations of the auxiliary be. (10) Name 1st the greatest living American poet. 2d. The greatest American prose writer. 3d. The two greatest American divines. 4th. The two greatest and most eloquent speakers in America. (1) Black Friday in Grant's administration, caused by

The two greatest and most eloquent speakers in America.

[(1) Black Friday in Grant's administration, csused by an attempt on the part of certain New York brokers to produce a "corner in gold." (2) Thaddeus David's, or David's Japan Ink. (3) To the U. S. Consul at the place or in the vicinity from which the information was desired. (4) The title Esquire is applied to any public officer without regard to rank, and has come to be used as a title of respect to any individual. Honorable, to all Judges, members of Congress and legislatures, and to most public officers while in office. (5) Theocracy, government by God; Patriarchy, by the head of a family; Monarchy, by one person, may be either absolute or limited; Oligarchy, by a few: Aristocracy, by the best; Democracy, by the people. (6) A chartered institution for the management of money. There are three kinds, national, State, and savings: national, controlled by U. S. laws, and the state by state laws only. (7) At the mouth of the Mississippi; an elaborate contrivance for cleaving a channel by the force of the current. (8) Be, am, is, are, art, was, wast, were, wert, been and being; (9) 1st, John G. Whittier; 2d, Harriet Beecher Stowe; 3d, Henry Ward Beecher and T. Dewitt Talmage; 4th, Robert Ingersol and James G. Blaine.—H.]

(1) What is the International Date Line, and what was the object of its establishment? (2) Would a manstanding at the North pole have north, south, east and west, west as we have, or would he have any of them, and why f (3) Please inform me of some good work on election and its publishers. (4) In reducing repetends to commen fractions we say, place as many nines for a denominator as there are places in the repetend. Please explain how that rule was established.

[1] See Journal Aug. 23d In traveling each around

denominator as there are places in the repetend. Please explain how that rule was established.

T. H. B.

[(1) See Journal Aug. 23d. In traveling east around the earth a day is gained; in traveling west a day is lost (according to sun time) and proportional parts of a day for propertional parts of the circumference; but nothing is regarded as gained or lost till 180 degrees east or west from Greenwich is actually reached, and the correction is made then to secure uniformity, not in absolute time, which would always be unaffected, but in relative time, i. e., days of the week and month, which are affected by circumnavigating the earth. (2) Every other point on the surface of the earth is directly south from the North pole point, because a meridian passing through the pole will pass through such a point. Therefore, a man standing at the North pole can look towards the south only.—Remember that north, south, east and west are relative to the earth. (3) Mrs. Randall's, Ivison, Blakeman. Taylor & Co., \$1.15. or Edward Brook's, Eldridge Bros., Phila., \$1.50. (4) Every repetend taken for a numerator, and as many nines as there are decimal places in the repetend taken for a denominator, form a fraction, which, when reduced to its lowest terms will always produce the fraction from from which the repetend is derived. Thus \$\frac{1}{2}\$ is equal to the perfect repetend .6470588235294117, which taken as a numerator, and sixteen nines for a denominator, form a fraction which reduced to its lowest terms, dividing by 588235294117647 = \frac{1}{2}\$, and so it is for every repeend, thus establishing the rule.—C.J.]

t (1) How do you dispose of "way," hours" and "dol-lar' in the sentencee, "Have it your own way,"" The sermon was two hours long," and "It is worth a dol-lar." (2) Is there an indirect object? If so, why so called? (3) Can the object of a verb be anything but a noun? JOHN WILLSON.

noun?

Ansbury, Mo.

[1. "Way," "hours,"and "dollar" are nouns in the objective case. Each is a condensed phrase, either the preposition being omitted, or (as in the Latin and the Greek) put in the objective case without a governing word. Rule.—Nouns denoting time, value, direction, measure, quantity, weight, etc., are often used adverbially, being equivalent to phrase modifiers. In the above, "way" will thus be an adverbial modifier of "have," equivalent to "according to" or "by your own way." Similarly "hours" modifies "long," and "dollar" "worth." (2) Thus is an indirect object, so called because it denotes not the direct object or that which receives the act, but that to or for which anything is, or is done. It is sometimes called the dative case, and in the case of a few words, is what remains of the ancient Saxon dative case. Example: "I wrote him a letter." "Letter" is the direct object, and "him" the indirect object. This indirect object is treated by

recent authors the same as "way," "hours," and "dollar" in (1), viz., as adverbial modifiers simply. (8) Yes, e.g., "Stop throwing apples," where the simple object is the participle "throwing."—ED.]

1. Who are the present cabinet officers? (2) Who is the Collector of Customs at the port of Chicago? (3) Why does Congress have two legislative houses? (4) State the powers of each as to members, officers, quorum, adjournment, rules, journal, yeas and nays. K. R. C. [1. Secretary of State, Theo. F. T. Frelinghuysen; of Treasury, Walter Q. Gresham; of Interior, Henry M. Teller; of War, Robert T. Lincoln; of Navy, Wm. E. Chandler; Postmaster-Gen'l, Frank Hatton; Attorney-Gen'l, Benj. H. Brewster. (2) Address "Collector of Customs," Chicago. (3) We cannot answer the question better than by quoting from "Politics," by Crane and Moses: "The department of the Government which expresses the national will should form its judgments with the greatest deliberation. Now, observation proves that presses the national will should form its judgments with the greatest deliberation. Now, observation proves that when a measure is passed upon by two distinct bodies of men deliberating separately, it will receive more criticism and consideration than if acted upon by the same number of men united in one body. It is a physiological fact that one's individual will is merged into the common will of an associate body; the larger the body the less voluntary his action; the sense of personal responsibility is diminished in proportion to the number of those who are jointly responsible. (4) See Constitution of the United States,—given in all school histories.—B.]

(1.) What is the length of the longest day on the lati-ade of Newfoundland? How can we ascertain the

tude of Newfoundland? How can we ascertain the length of day at any given latitude?

[1. Fifteen hours N. Lat. 48 degs., June 21; sunrise 4:30 A.M.; sunset, 7:30 P.M. (2) Elevate the pole of a terrestrial globe to the given latitude, find the sun's place in the ecliptic, bring it to the meridian and set the lour-circle at 12, then turn the globe till the sun's place is brought to the eastern edge of the horizon and the hour-circle will show the time of sunrise; bring it to the western edge of the horizon and the hour-circle will show the time of sunset will show the time of sunset will be the length of the day, and twice that of sunrise will be the length of the night.—C. J.]

As I do not at all apprehend the nature or point of H. C. B.'s difficulty (Oct. 18) in regard to my answer to M. J. G.'s problem of Aug. 28, about the "meeting" (as the application of my answer seems perfectly plain) I cannot enlighten him. But with regard to A's rate, if we denote the starting post by C, the turning post by D, and the place of meeting by M, it (C____M___D) is evident from the statement of the problem that A ran the distance CM in four seconds less time than B, and also that in those four seconds he ran to D (the distance MD, 10 yds.) and back; i.e., 20 yds. in four seconds, or 5 yds. per second. My equation gave the distance CM as 280 yds.,—adding MD, 10 yds, we have the distance CD, as given, 290 yds.

(1) What course should be pursued with a sixteen-year-old boy who knows nothing of grammar? (2) What simple pamphlet or book on pronunciation can be purchased. (3) Would like name and place of publi-cation of some easy work on gymnastics. E. M. J.

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[(1. If he uses the English language correctly and has another year or two to spend in school, should begin to teach him the science of grammar; he is but little past the age at which the study should be taken up. If his language is bad, and he has but a short time to spend in school, should devote that time entirely to the use of correct language—writing and oral language exercises.

(2) We know of no simple phamphlet or book. "The Orthocopist," D. Appleton & Co., is none too dear for its worth. (3) Mason's "Gymnastic Exercises," H. A. Young & Co., Boston. 40 cents; L. B. Hunt's "Light Gymnastics," Lee & Shepherd, Boston, 44 cents.—B.]

Where can I find instruction about using Kindergaren material?
S. M.
[In "The Paradise of Childhood," for sale by J. W.
chernierhorn, 7 East 14th street, New York.—EDS.]

Where can I get "cadet or military caps" for my school boys, and at what price?

T. M. W.

[Write to J. H. McKenney & Co., 142 Grand street, N. Y., for circulars.—K.]

Is there a book on Civil Government, treating espeof the town and county?

[Yes. Northam's Civil Government," published by
C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y.—B.]

Where can I get some little songs for the wee ones in F. M. M. my schools? F. M. M.

["Little Songs for Little Singers," Ditson & Co., N.
Y., 25c.—EDS.]

(1) "Can colored youth enter Oswego Normal school?"
(2) To whom should I address a letter for a catalogue [(1) Yes. (2) Dr. Sheldon, State Normal School, Oswego, N. Y.—A.]

Is there a book published giving the life and sayings of Madame De Stael? If so, give the best author. If not, where could the best account of her be obtained? [There is. Write to Macmillan & Co., N. Y.—EDS.]

Where can I get the book entitled the "Hoosier chool-boy?" W. G. L. [Charles Scribner's Sons, \$1.—B.]

From his low and grassy bed, See the warbling lark arise.—Anon.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

TO SUPERINTENDENTS, INSTITUTE CONDUCTORS AND Will you Our readers would like to know what you are doing. Will you ot send us the following items: Brief outlines of your methods of teaching: Interesting personal items: Suggestions to other orkers. Only by active co-operation can advancement be nade. Thousands are asking for information and we shall be lad to be the medium of communication between you and them.

NEW YORK CITY.

Mr. G. B. Hendrickson has been appointed assistant in rammar School No. 77.

ARKANSAS.—State Superintendent Thompson has just placed his annual report in the hands of the printer. It is a document of unusual interest, showing great improvement in our school work, and calling special attention to the benefits of the Peabody Normal Institutes held during the past summer.—Lanoke public high school, in charge of Prof. O. F. Russell, president of the State Teachers' Association, is in a flourishing condition. The history of this school, organized in 1879, carried on during ten months each year by the aid of liberal private subscriptions by the citizens of the town, and free to all white children of the district, is worthy of record. It has now enrolled nearly 300 pupils. Prof. Russell has five assistants, and "things are exceedingly hopeful for its future."—J. F. HOWELL.

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COLORADO.—State Supt. elect is Hon. L. S. Cornell, of De Norte, an occupant of the office several years ago. We look for a strong administration.—A chapter of the Agassiz Association has been formed by the members of the Colorado Springs H. S. The membership numbers 38. Supt. Byington is the president of the society. So far as we know, this is the pioneer Agassiz Association in Colorado, and we wish it great success.—The Colorado Springs schools are just acquiring broad success under the discreet management of the new superintendent, E. L. Byington.—J. S. Hayes, M.D., of Denver, has been invited to join the medical faculty of the Nebraska State University, but declines the position.

The annual session of the Colorado S. T. A. will be held in Denver, Dec. 29th-31st. A fine and varied program is nearly completed, and the authors of the leading papers are at work upon the same. "Literature as a feature of instruction in reading." "Moral Education." "School instruction in reading." "Moral Education." "School instruction upon Temperance," are some of the themes to be treated. We hope to place the entire program before the readers of the JOURNAL at an early date.—The Emerson School House, Denver, has recently been opened for school work.—The Elpaso Co. teachers are a wide-awake lot.—Recently a County Association was held in Colorado Springs, which sustained a well-arranged program in a very creditable manner.—The new superintendent of the Colorado Springs bly discussed "Mistakes in Teaching and Management."—The State University has 154 students.—Prof. E. Mead, for two years a popular and able professor in State Academy, Col.. has removed to Indiana. The students regretted this action exceedingly, and gave him some valuable parting testimonials of good will.

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At the general election of Nov. 4th the voters of California voted upon an Amendment to the State Constitution which provides for the compiling and publication by the State of a complete series of school-books for use in the common schools in the State. The provisions of the Amendment place the power of compiling the State series of textbooks in the hands of a State Board of Education composed of the Governor of the State, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Principals of the State Normal schools, of which there are two in California. The Amendment was 'carried by an overwhelming majority. Sister States contemplating such a step will be apt to learn something of interest from the experience of California in the coming four years. The Educators of California in the coming four years. The Educators of California opposed the movement almost to a man, the communistic spirit of so many of her inhabitants, who want cheap books or none at all prevailed. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. W. T. Welcker, has issued a call to the various county superintendents, summoning them to meet at the capitol in Sacramento, Jan. 2d, 1885. As the State Legislature assembles a few days thereafter, the convention of the county superintendents will likely have much to do with shaping the educational work done by the Legislature. The season for the Winter examinations is at hand, teachers from the States desiring to come to California should remember that by law there are only two examinations per year for the granting of certificates. No one can teach in the schools of California without a certificate.—C. T. MEREDITH.

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IOWA.—The State Teachers' Association will meet at Des Moines, December 22d, 23d and 24th. Physical Education, the Text-Book problem and the improvement of the country schools will be the leading topics upon the general program. There are department programs, one for country superintendants and normal schools, one for the graded and high schools, and one for the colleges and universities.

—B. V. Garwood, principal of New Sharon Schools, lectured at New Sharon Nov. 7, on the relative sizes, position and movement of the sun, moon and earth. The receipts of the lecture are to be applied in the purchase of school apparatus.—From the Algona report, F. M. Shippey, principal, we learn that the attendance and regularity are much better than last year.

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PENNSYLVANIA.—Four thousand children from the public schools of Pittsburgh gave an evening concert at Music Hall. An audience of 6,000 assembled, 3,000 more sought admission in vain. The originator of the concert was superintendent Luckey, who has made music a power in the public schools The Pittsburg Times several weeks ago offered prizes of \$30, \$10 and \$5\$ respectively for the best essays written by pupils of the public schools of Alieghany County, Pa., on "Summer Vacation." The prizes were presented at the "Children's Concert" by State Superintendent Higbee, and received in behalf of the winners by ex-Superintendent Wickersham. The best essays were written by Misses Jennile Davis, Carrie Schenck and Madge McQuiston.—S. L.

The Beaver Co. Institute convenes Dec. 22d. Prof. Thomas M. Balliet is to be the principal instructor, and Miss N. E. White, Mr. J. D. Herr and Col. Geo. W. Baine the evening lecturers. The Bucks County Institute was held at Doylestown Oct. 37-81. The instructors were Superintendent H. S. Jones, of Erie, Supt. H. R. Sandford, of Middletown, N. Y., Prof. Thos. M. Balliet, of Normal Park, Ill., and Supt. R. K. Buehrle, of Lancaster, Pa.

FOR THE SCHOLARS.

WHAT IS IT!

A DECLAMATION.

I was made to be eaten, and not to be drank; To be husked in a barn, not soaked in a tank. I come as a blessing when put in a mill, As a blight and a curse when run through a still. Make me up into loaves and your children are fed; But into a drink, I will starve them instead. In bread I'm a servant the eater shall rule, In drink I'm a master, the drinker a fool. Then remember my warning: My strength I'll employ, If eaten to strengthen, if drunk to destroy !

For the SCHOOL JOURNAL.

GOLDEN THOUGHTS.

MONDAY.

LIFE .- We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up to-morrow.—HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Dost thou love life? then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—FRANKLIN. TUESDAY.

GLORY.—Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.—Goldsmith.

WEDNESDAY. MEMORIES.

Shall steal our pleasures too,
The memory of the past will stay,
And half our joys renew.

—Moore. THURSDAY.

iss.—In men whom men condemn as ill,
I find so much of goodness still;
In men whom men pronounce divine,
I find so much to mar and blot
I hesitate to draw the line GOODNESS. Between the two, where God has not.

—JOAQUIN MILLER.

FRIDAY.

LIBRARIES .- The great consulting room of a wise man library.-Dawson.

That place that does contain
My books, the best companions is to me
A glorious court where hourly I converse
With the old sages and philosophers.

BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER.

EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR.

FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOV. 24TH.

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NOTE.—Teachers can make profitable use of these items in general Exercises, the History Class, Outlines on Blackboard, Talks to the School, and Reading.

Nov. 24, 1863. Sherman and Thomas defeated Bragg at Chattancoga. (See U. S. History.)

Nov. 25.—New York evacuated by the British.

Nov. 26th, John Elmers died. He was a miser. He would not hire a bookkeeper, and thereby lost \$750.000. He would not hire a bookkeeper, and thereby lost \$750.000. He would not hire a bookkeeper, and thereby lost \$750.000. He would not hire a bookkeeper, and thereby lost \$750.000. He would not hire a bookkeeper, and the saw in the saw of money, and and the same day risk his life to save a penny. He rode sixty whies at night for the sake of a friend. When a lady asked an eighbor how she would repay Elmers, he said: "Send him twelve cecta, and he will be delirhted by gaining four centa by his journey." He despised education, always sfirming: "The surest way of 'taking money out of people's pockets is by putting hings into their heads. This was true of his case, for every sharper who could get a scheme into Elmes' head by which he hoped to gain, was sure of a part of his money. He was like a big fish in a pond. "guiping, a voracious, never satisfied, clutching at every thing, but at last to be caught itself. He lived and deniserably.

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Nov. 28, 1859. Washington Irving died; an American writer, le wrote, a "History of New York." a very humorous history, Sketch Book," "Life of Columbus," and "Life of Washington." Nov. 29, 1872.—Horsee Greeley died, aged Gl. Established the few York Tribune; was chosen to fill a vacancy in Congress; op oeed slavery; was nominated for the presiden y.

Nov. 30, 1801.—Jefferson Davis was elected President of the onfederate States for six years. (See U. S. History.)

NOTABLE EVENTS IN NOVEMBER.

FOR THE HISTORY CLASS.

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Nov. 7, 1629.—Charter granted to Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Nov. 7, 1629.—Patent for Now Hampshire granted by Mason.

Nov. 25, 1758.—Fort DuQuesne taken by the English.

13, 1776.—Montreal surrendered to Montgomery.

16, 1776.—Fort Washington taken.

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16, 1776.—Washington's retreat through New Jersey.

25, 1785.—New York evacanated by the British.

29, 1802.—Ohio admitted to the Union.

7, 1811.—Battle of Tippecance.

11, 1813.—Battle of Chrysler's Field.

8, 1860.—Lincoln elected President.

7, 1861.—Port Royal, S. C., taken.

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7, 1861.—Setsur of Mason and Slidell.

7, 1862.—Battle of Belmont, Mo.

8, 1869.—Burnside assumed command of the Army of the Poomac.

DMAC. 17, to Dec. 3.—Siege of Knoxville; Longstreet repulsed. 25, 1862.—Battle of Mission Ridge. 24 and 25, 1863.—Battle of Chattanooga, Ga. 8, 1885.—President Lincoln re-elected.

HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE. SPECIFIC VIRTUES IN DYSPEPSIA.

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EDUCATIONAL MISCELLANY

For the School Journal.

MIND CLASS.

(See November 8.)

TIME OF STUDY-ONE WEEK.

1. Upon what is moral consciousness dependent?

 What do moral feelings require? Explain.
 Why were the early Christians so entirely in sympathy with each other?

What is the basis of morality?

What is "doing right"?

6. Explain what is meant by "moral actions"? 7. What two qualities stand over against each other? Define each.

8. Distinguish between natural and moral affections.

9. Is there any morality in natural affections? Explain.

10. To what extent are we responsible for our moral characters ?

11. How may teachers develop good moral characters in their pupils?

FLASHES FROM THE CANADA PROVIN-CIAL CONVENTION.

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Learning to learn is one of the most valuable things learned in school.

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A teacher's position should not depend on the likes and dislikes of children.

Industrial drawing should be taught in all the classes in our public schools

The useful should supersede the ornamental, and the practical the theoretical.

Dogmatic statements fetter the minds of children. They prevent mental action.

Teachers should be paid quarterly, and their engagements last during pleasure.

There is a certain similarity in minds, but men are not made like bricks in a brickyard.

Teach fewer names of places and more of the facts from which the places derive their importance.

It is not what the pupil learns in school that makes the course valuable to him, it is what it inspires.

Reading is not talking -Reading is not pronunciation. Reading is thinking by means of written words.

The object of the public school is not to teach many things but give power and desire to learn many things.

Give your pupils discipline in doing a greater amount of work, if you like, but let it be work that is of practical value.

Our advanced reading books should contain, at last, one complete English Classic, instead of scraps without beginning or end.

It is not necessarily what pupils learn, but how they learn that determines the value of any department of knowledge as an educative force.

The province of the educator is to study the laws of mental development, but the duty of the legislator is to consider the various interests of the community for whose benefit those principles are to be applied.

Some things that teachers can do for their pupils. (1) Cultivate a desire for more knowledge; (2) Train the mental faculties; (3) Lead them into the avenues of common knowledge, and show them some of the by-ways that open up on all sides: (4) Cultivate a taste for pure literature and correct reading; (5) Polish up their manners a little, and give them some ideas in relation to their duties as citizens.—Canada Educational Journal.

INDIANA.—Rev. Lemuel Moss, D. D., President of the Indiana State University, has resigned, and Elijah Ballentine is elected to fill the position until a successor to Dr. Moss shall be chosen. The Porter County Institute convened at Valparaiso the 17th inst., with an able corps of instructors, consisting of Profs. H. B. Brown and W. H. Banta of Valparaiso. Dr. D. J. Loring will have charge of Science of Teaching Physiology. Prof. W. A. Bell. of the Indiana School Journal will consider the "New Education, Science of Teaching, etc. State Superintendent J. W. Holcombe, spent one day in the Institute, to the satisfaction of Ill.—The Black Township, Posey County, Teachers' Institute met at Farmersville, October 18th. The subject of "The Teachers' Reading Circle" was taken up and the superintendent stated that he would, with the cooperation of the teachers, organize such a society in the county. How to improve the language of the pupils was discussed by Kate Kitts; Analysis in Arithmetic, by W. W. Holder, Preparation of the Dally Work by the Teacher, by V. K. Barter; How and When should Letter-Writing be Taught in the Schools, by Cliffe Thomson; Principles of Teaching, by H. M. Evans: First Lessons in Geography, Eva Smith.—On the program of the Parke County Teachers' Association, Rockville, for Nov. 28th and 29th, is a paper on the Development of Indiana's Educational System, by B. C. Hobbs, LL. D., Bloomingdale; Natural Science in the Common Schools, by John Heavy, Catlin, and Is there an Actual Want of Sympathy Between the Educators and the People' by Howard Sandison, Teacher of Methods Ind. State Normal School.—W. H. Elson, Co. Supt. MARYLAND.—The Board of Commissioners have elected Mr. John E. M'Cahan, principal of Male Grammar School No. 8, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Professor Chas. G. Edwards, assistant superintendent of

MAINE.—Noticeable features of program for closing exercises of Fall Term, Limington Academy, were: a prize examination in English History, award of prize to Stephen Rounds, of East Baldwin; and a remarkable exhibition of work done in drawing.—The \$20 prize for best examination in the graduating class of Dartmouth College, Medical School, has just been won by Frank E. Mayberry, of Cumberland Mills.

B. P. Snow.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Bristol County Teachers' Association held its annual meeting at Taunton Nov. 1. There was a large attendance and good interest. The principal topics discussed were Mental Training, by C. S. Moore, Taunton; Reading, by Maggie T. Hurley, Fall River; School Inventions and Appliances, by Allen F. Wood, New Bedford; Arithmetic, by Superintendent Wm. Connell, Fall River; Teaching Pupils to Think, by Supt. A. W. Edson, Attleboro.—The secretary of the Board of Education, with his agents, conducted an Institute at Attleboro the 18th. Secretary Dickinson discussed Assignment of Lessons and Conducting Recitations; Mr. Walton, Arithmetic and Penninanship; Mr. Martin, Geography and Language; Mr. Prince, Reading. Mr. Martin gave a lecture the evening before upon "Practical Education." Secretary Dickinson has invited all superintendents in the State wherein evening schools are provided by law, to convene in Boston at the school commissioners' rooms on Friday, Nov. 21, at 10:30, to discuss the best means and methods of maintaining said schools.—A. W.Edson, Attleboro, Mass.

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NEVADA.—The Nevada State Teachers' Institute will be held at Elks, Dec. 18th, 19th, 20th, 1884, under the supervision of Hon. C. S. Young, State Supt. Public Instruction. It is expected that every county in the State will be represented by practical teachers, and an additional impatus given to the educational interests of the Sage Brush State.

C. W. G.

State.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—E. J. Goodwin, President of the State Teachers' Association, is winning golden opinions in his new field of work as principal of the Nashua High School. His class in chemistry has prepared for the World's Fair at New Orleans an admirable exhibit, consisting of samples of compounds made by the students themselves in the school laboratory. The list includes potash, common salt, bleaching powder, limestone, ammonia, castle soap, and others of a similar character.—There is trouble in the Manchester High School. The School Board have falled to agree on a permanent principal. Some of he local papers are denouncing the Board for falling to reelect Mr. A. W. Bacheler, who now has a good position in Massachusetts.—The departure of Miss Susle M. Cate for the State Normal School in Plymouth completes the change in the personel of the teaching force. Each one has gone to a larger and more lucrative field.

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VIRGINIA.—The Legislature has appropriated ten thousand dollars to establish a State Normal School for girls. Upon the nomination of State Supt. of Public Instruction R. R. Farr, the trustees elected Dr. Wm. H. Ruffer as principal, and accordingly on the 30th of October, 1884, the Normal was formally opened at Farmville, Prince Edward county, thus inaugurating an Institute long needed in Virginia, and at the same time, we believe, a new era in the public schools of the Old Dominion. Dr. Ruffner, who enjoys a national reputation as an educator, and who requires no introduction here, selected, as vice-principal, Miss C. Bush, of the Connecticut State Normal School, and the following were elected assistants by the trustees: Miss Gash, of North Carolina, a graduate of the celebrated Nashville Institution; Miss Lee, of Connecticut; and Mrs. Bartkowska, of Richmond. Under the law, each city-and county is entitled to send one student, free of tuition, for each member of the House of Delegates.—The only other Normal school in the State is an independent one, established about eighteen months ago at Middletown, Frederick county, by Prof. G. W. Hænshel, of Illinois.—The first Teachers' Reading Association in Virginia was organized on the 18th of August, 1884, at a Normal Institute held at Wytheville, with Prof. F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College, as president, and the following committee on Course of Reading: Hon. R. R. Farr, Supt. of Public Instruction; Hon. J. L. McCurry, LL. D., Agent of the Peabody Education Fund; Prof. W. B. McGilvray. This association is for the benefit of the teachers of Southside and Southwestern Va. Since its organization the committee have selected the following books to constitute the "Course": "Methods of Teaching;" by Albert N. Raub, Ph.D.; "The Art of School Management," by J. Baldwin; "Principles and Practice of Teaching," by Edward Brooks, Ph.D.; Raub's "School Management;" Brooks' "Normal Me



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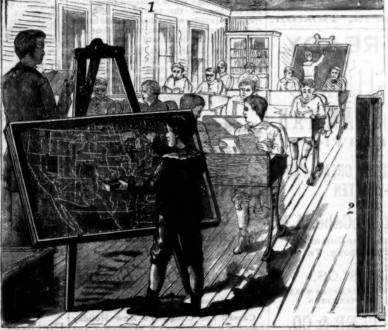
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THE STATE AND ITS RELATION TO EDUCATION. By Henry Craik. London: Macmillan & Co. Price \$1.00.

We find in this volume interesting information upon education in England and Scotland. The heads of the chapters give an idea of the character of the contents:

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SELECTIONS FROM THE PORTICAL WORKS OF A. C. SWINBURNE. From the latest English edition of his works. Edited by R. H. Stoddard. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Price, \$2.50.

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CHOICE READINGS FROM STANDARD AND POPULAR AU-THORS. Compiled and Arranged by R. I. Fulton and T. C. Trueblood. Boston: Ginn & Heath.

The contents of this volume are especially well selected, and the arrangement commendable. There are readings, narrative, descriptive, didactic, grave, solemn, serious pathetic, grand, bold, sublime, lively, joyous, gay, humorous, comic, dramatic, patriotic, also scenes from popular dramas, and other material. There is an index to readings from Shakespeare, from the Bible, and from the hymn-book, and a diagram of the principles of vocal expression. The book is comprehensive and valuable, and prepared with evident thought for its usefulness.

DORIS. A novel by the author of "Molly Bawn,"
"Mrs. Geoffrey," "Phyllis," etc. Philadelphia: J. B.
Lippincott & Co.

This is by far the best work of "The Duchess" since her two pleasant stories, "Phyllis" and "Molly Bawn," made her name known to numberless readers. It shows more care than her later writings, and although it has little plot there is enough incident connected with the story to carry the interest to the very end, "Boycotting" furnishes the dramatic part for the book, and there are enough lovers and moonlight scenes to satisfy the most sentimental reader,

POEMS BY ANNA SHIPTON. New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Price \$1.25.

The place of Adelaide Proctor is filled by the English singer Anna Shipton. The collection of poems now prepared for the American public are of the religious life, in the same vein that made Adelaide Proctor's so cheering and helpful.

AN OLD SAILORS YARNS. By Capt. Roland F. Coffin. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Price fifteen cents, (Standard Library.)

These "tales of many seas" are full of adventure. They are told in the dialect of a Yankee sailor, and are characteristic of an old tar. John Habberton, the author of "Helen's Babies," considers them the best sea stories on record.

The Trible "E." By S. R. G. Clark. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co. Price 25 cents. (Young Folks' Library.) The "triple E" is the heroine of the book—Esther E. Ertts, a young girl who starts out determined to do right. The story is interesting, but does not equal the author's preceding one, "Yensie Walton." The Boston publishers are to be commended for their endeavor to place good and pleasant reading in cheap form in the

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The list of contributors to the Christmas Harper's characterizes it as an extraordinary number. (Among the names of the writers we notice Charles Dudley Warner, William Black, E. C. Stedman, R. H. Stoddard, Hugh Conway, F. D. Mullet, W. D. Howells, Andrew Lang, Sone Holm, and Margaret Sangster.) But in the illustrations this number surpasses any previous issue. There are six full-page wood-cuts, printed on heavy paper; the frontispiece is an engraving of Heinrich Hoffmann's painting of "The Boy Jesus in the Temple." Hamilton Gibson's exquisite sketches accompanying E. P. Roe's "Nature's Serial Story," are finished with this number, but more of his work is promised during 1885. There is some music by W. W. Gilchrist, to Margaret Sangster's "The Dear Long Ago," and illustrations to "She Stoops to Conquer," by E. A. Abbey. Our space forbids our going further into the details of this number, but we are sure its wide circle of readers will become more and more delighted in New York.

SELECTIONS FROM THE POSITICAL WORKS OF A. C. turning the pages of the Christmas Harper's and find WINBURNE. From the latest English edition of his ing the treasures it reveals.

We call attention to some of the more prominent articles in the December Art Amateur, which we think will be helpful to our readers. "The Art of Embroidery," second paper; "The Time of Holly," with illustrations in the supplement, giving ideas for Christmas decorations at church and the home; "How to Paint on China," third paper in Mrs. Lavinia Steele Kellogg's series. There are also biographical papers on Watta and Fromeutin, and a good share of current Art topics.

The Musical Record for November contains a song by J. Alexander, "The Mountain Sprite," a piece for the piano or organ; "Hunter's Glee," by Louis Meyer, and "Hutchy! Kutchy! Little Baby!" a song by Victor Hawley. There is also the usual collection of notes upon Musical affairs.

Harper's Young People is producing a set of articles called "Milly's Christmas Gifts," and the accompanying directions and illustrations will abswer many eager questions upon, What shall I make for Christmas?

Outing has a new claim to popular favor since Yachting has been included among its out-door amusements. The November number contains a "Yachtsman's Song," words and music by S. F. Abbott, and a tamely paper on "A Winter's Cruise in a Cat-boat." A finely illustrated and entertaining paper is "A Scamper in the Norwest," by J. A. Fraser.

The November Our Little Ones is the most beautiful number in regard to illustrations that the enterprixing little magazine has yet issued. It is simply an artistic gem.

In the November Magazine of American History, Henry Clay's portrait appears on the frontispiece. There are also portraits of "The Unsuccessful Candidates for the Presidency of the United States," and an interesting paper on "An Old Colonial College."

New subscribers to the Magazine of Art should not fail to get the December number. It opens with an etching, by R. W. Macbeth, representing a girl at the breakfast table opening a newspaper, and exclaiming, "Here it is!" If we do not mistake, many subscribers will take the trouble to secure an extra copy of this number, in order to frame the etching. A new feature is a page poem, with illustrations, printed in green ink. The first of a series of papers on "The New Forest" has some fine illustrations.

TREASURE-TROVE for December will be adapted to holiday time. Among the stories will be one by the favorite writer, Kate McDowell Rice, entitled "Her Best Christmas." A story for the younger children, "Susie's Ghost," by Wolstan Dixey, will be illustrated.

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The readers to whom Mrs. Sangster's name is a household word, will he glad to hear of the publication of her poems in book-form by Mr. James R. Osgood & Co., of Boston. These publishers have also Mary Clemmer's poems in press.

We acknowledge the receipt of Root & Tinker's large plate of Representatives of Professional Base-Ball in America, which P. Lorillard & Co., of Jersey City, N. J., have sent us.

Among the important articles in the October Home Science we mention "Home Education." "How to Sleep," "Luxurious Homes," "Our Experiment in Home Building."

Good Cheer improves with every number.

The Youths' Companion prize competition has resulted in introducing a number of new writers. In the eight awards we notice the name of only one well-known author. When this is compared with the large number of manuscripts submitted (between six and seven thousand) it is even more surprising.

Our Little Ones is now added to the list of American magazines reprinted in Great Britain. It is admitted by every one that Our Little Ones is as far superior to the European Juvenile Magazines as are The Century and Harper's Magazine to their respective rivals. The English edition of Our Little Ones will be issued by the house of Messrs. T. Nelson & Sons, and negotiations are pending for the publication of editions in both France and Germany.

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